

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed African Growth and Opportunity Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S13729–S13869*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1846–1850, S. Res. 218–219, and S. Con. Res. 68. **Page S13798**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 1477, to withhold voluntary proportional assistance for programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency relating to the development and completion of the Bushehr nuclear power plant in Iran.

H.R. 1794, concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO).

S. Res. 208, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States policy toward the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union, in light of the Alliance's April 1999 Washington Summit and the European Union's June 1999 Cologne Summit.

S. Res. 209, expressing concern over interference with freedom of the press and the independence of judicial and electoral institutions in Peru.

S. 923, to promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel.

S. Con. Res. 30, recognizing the sacrifice and dedication of members of America's non-governmental organizations and private volunteer organizations throughout their history and specifically in answer to their courageous response to recent disasters in Central America and Kosovo.

S. Con. Res. 68, expressing the sense of Congress on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of historic events in Central and Eastern Europe, particularly the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Czech and Slovak Republics. **Page S13795**

### Measures Passed:

**African Growth and Opportunity Act:** By 76 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 353), Senate passed H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Sahara Africa, expand trade benefits to the countries in the Caribbean Basin, renew the generalized system of preferences, and reauthorize the trade adjustment assistance programs, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

Roth Amendment No. 2505 (to Amendment No. 2325), to authorize the extension of permanent normal trade relations to Albania and Kyrgyzstan.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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Conrad/Grassley Modified Amendment No. 2360 (to Amendment No. 2325), to establish trade negotiating objectives for the United States for the next round of World Trade Organization negotiations that enhance the competitiveness of United States agriculture, spur economic growth, increase farm income, and produce full employment in the United States agricultural sector. **Pages S13729–33, S13770–71**

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 351), Harkin Amendment No. 2495 (to Amendment No. 2325), to deny benefits under the legislation to any country that does not comply with the Convention for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor.

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Thurmond Amendment No. 2410 (to Amendment No. 2325), to provide expedited trade adjustment assistance for certain textile and apparel workers. **Page S13775**

Nickles Amendment No. 2480 (to Amendment No. 2325), to provide a waiver of a section 901(j) denial of foreign tax credit in the national interest of the United States, and to expand trade and investment opportunities for United States companies and workers. **Page S13776**

Dorgan Amendment No. 2402 (to Amendment No. 2325), to clarify the acts, policies, and practices that are considered unreasonable for purposes of section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974.

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Lott (for Roth/Moynihan) Amendment No. 2325, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

Wellstone Amendment No. 2487 (to Amendment No. 2325), to condition trade benefits for Caribbean countries on compliance with internationally recognized labor rights. (By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 349), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Specter Modified Amendment No. 2347 (to Amendment No. 2325), to provide for a private right of action in the case of injury from the importation of certain dumped and subsidized merchandise. (By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 350), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Feingold Modified Amendment No. 2427 (to Amendment No. 2325), to provide expanded trade benefits to countries in sub-Saharan Africa. (By 66 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 352), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Landrieu Amendment No. 2430 (to Amendment No. 2325), to limit preferential tariff treatment to countries with a gross national product that does not extend 5 times the average gross national product of all eligible sub-Saharan African countries.

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During consideration of the bill today, Senate also took the following action:

Feingold Amendment No. 2409 (to Amendment No. 2325), to establish priorities for providing development assistance, was ruled out of order by the Chair on a point of order, and the amendment thus fell.

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Conrad/Grassley Amendment No. 2359 (to Amendment No. 2325), to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide trade adjustment assistance to farmers and fishermen, adopted on November 2, 1999, was subsequently modified.

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Pending motion to close further debate on the bill was vitiated.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Roth, Grassley, Lott, Helms, Moynihan, Baucus, and Biden.

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**Healthcare Research and Quality Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 580, to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Healthcare Pol-

icy and Research, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Gramm (for Frist/Jeffords/Kennedy) Amendment No. 2506, in the nature of a substitute.

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**Youth Drug and Mental Services Act:** Senate passed S. 976, to amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to focus the authority of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration on community-based services children and adolescents, to enhance flexibility and accountability, to establish programs for youth treatment, and to respond to crises, especially those related to children and violence, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Gramm (for Frist) Amendment No. 2507, to provide a grant program for strengthening families and to modify other provisions, and to make various technical corrections.

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**Geneva Conventions 50th Anniversary:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 102, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and recognizing the humanitarian safeguards these treaties provide in times of armed conflict, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Federal Erroneous Retirement Coverage Corrections Act:** Senate passed S. 1232, to provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Gramm (for Cochran/Akaka) Amendment No. 2508, in the nature of a substitute.

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**Position of Chief Agricultural Negotiator:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 185, to establish a Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the bill was then passed.

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**Export Apple Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 609, to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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**OPIC Authorization:** Senate passed S. 688, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

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**Honoring Walter Jerry Payton:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 219, recognizing and honoring Walter Jerry

Payton and expressing the condolences of the Senate to his family on his death. **Pages S13867-68**

**District of Columbia Appropriations:** Senate passed H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S13868**

Gramm (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2509, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13868**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hutchison, Domenici, Stevens, Durbin, and Byrd. **Page S13868**

**Financial Services Modernization Conference Report:** Senate began consideration of the conference report on S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers. **Pages S13783-91**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Thursday, November 4, 1999. **Page S13868**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Estonia (Treaty Doc. 105-55) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-3) **Page S13795**

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Lithuania (Treaty Doc. 105-56) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-4) **Pages S13795-96**

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Latvia (Treaty Doc. 105-57) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-5) **Page S13796**

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Venezuela (Treaty Doc. 106-3) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-6) **Page S13796**

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Slovenia (Treaty Doc. 106-9) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-7) **Page S13796**

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Italy (Treaty Doc. 106-11) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-8) **Pages S13796-97**

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Denmark (Treaty Doc. 106-12) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-9) **Page S13797**

Report to accompany the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Germany (Treaty Doc. 106-13) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-10) **Page S13797**

Report to accompany the Amending Convention with Ireland (Treaty Doc. 106-15) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-11) **Page S13797**

Report to accompany the Convention (No. 182) for Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor (Treaty Doc. 106-5) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-12) **Page S13797**

Report to accompany the Extradition Treaty with the Republic of Korea (Treaty Doc. 106-2) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-13) **Pages S13797-98**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report entitled "Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States of America and Australia Concerning Technology for the Separation of Isotopes of Uranium by Laser Excitation"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-70). **Pages S13793-94**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Irwin Belk, of North Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Carol Moseley-Braun, of Illinois, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa.

Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

Revius O. Ortique, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Bobby L. Roberts, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2003.

Michael G. Rossmann, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Daniel Simberloff, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S13868-69**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S13793-94**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S13794-95**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S13795**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S13798-S13802**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S13805-31**

**Authority for Committees:** **Pages S13831-32**

**Additional Statements:**

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—353)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 4, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13868.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### OPERATION ALLIED FORCE

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded hearings on the lessons learned from the military operations conducted as part of Operation Allied Force, and associated relief operations, with respect to Kosovo, after receiving testimony from Gen. Klaus Naumann (Ret.), Bundeswehr (German Army), former Chairman of the NATO Military Committee.

### HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water concluded hearing to examine solutions to the policy concerns with respect to Habitat Conservation Plans, after receiving testimony from Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Don Knowles, Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Jimmy S. Christenson, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison; David Donnelly, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas; Maureen S. Frisch, Simpson Investment Company, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the Foundation for Habitat Conservation and Coalition for Habitat Conservation; Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League, Los Angeles, California; James Riley, Intermountain Forest Association, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and Michael J. Bean, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 923, to promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel;

S. 1453, to facilitate relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 208, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States policy toward the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union,

in light of the Alliance's April 1999 Washington Summit and the European Union's June 1999 Cologne Summit;

S. Res. 209, expressing concern over interference with freedom of the press and the independence of judicial and electoral institutions in Peru;

S. Res. 217, relating to the freedom of belief, expression, and association in the People's Republic of China, with an amendment;

An original concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 68), expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the historic events in Central and Eastern Europe, particularly in the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Czech and Slovak Republics;

S. Con. Res. 30, recognizing the sacrifice and dedication of members of America's non-governmental organizations and private volunteer organizations throughout their history and specifically in answer to their courageous response to recent disasters in Central America and Kosovo;

H.R. 1477, to withhold voluntary proportional assistance for programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency relating to the development and completion of the Bushehr nuclear power plant in Iran;

H.R. 1794, concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO);

Convention Between the United States of America and the Republic of Estonia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on January 15, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105–55), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Convention Between the United States of America and the Republic of Lithuania for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on January 15, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105–56), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Convention Between the United States of America and the Republic of Latvia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on January 15, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105–57), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Convention Between the United States of America and the Republic of Slovenia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Ljubljana on June 21, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 106–9), with 1 reservation, 1 understanding, 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the